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For: ELECTRODE FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please enter the following amendments to the specification:**

Page 17, paragraph 4:

b1  
A method of manufacturing the electrode for a fuel cell according to the present invention and structured as described above will now be described. Paste for the catalyst layer comprising catalyst supported on carbon particles, the solid polymer electrolyte solution and, if necessary, PTFE suspension is applied onto a polymer film to form a film of the paste (in general, having a thickness of 3  $\mu\text{m}$  to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Then, heating and drying are performed so that the conventional catalyst layer can be obtained. As an alternative to this, paste of the catalyst layer comprising catalyst supported on carbon particles (noble metal particles, such as platinum are highly